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March 20, 1896

Bubonic plague in Canton and Hongkong.

YOKOHAMA, February 28, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, through the courtesy of Surgeon W. F. Arnold, U. S. N., specially detailed by the Navy Department to investigate epidemic disease in the Far East, I have telegraphic information of the presence of plague in Hongkong as well as Canton; and that the outbreak is already considered as one of importance is shown by the fact that, as I am informed by the agent of the company here, the United States consul at Hongkong refuses to grant clean bills of health to the steamers leaving that port for the United States via Yokohama. The Japanese Government has not yet taken any action, though such will, undoubtedly, take place almost immediately.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

GIBRALTAR.

Quarantine notice.

GIBRALTAR, February 24, 1896.

With reference to the action of the board of health of the 11th ultimo, it has been decided by the board to remove the quarantine on arrivals from Casablanca.

By order,

JOHN C. KING,
Secretary to the Board of Health.

JAPAN.

No new cases of cholera in Chiba Ken or Ibaraki Ken.

YOKOHAMA, February 28, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the recent outbreak of cholera in the ken of Chiba, of which I have already notified you, appears to have been stamped out, there having been no new cases since the date of my last return, February 16. No cases have occurred in any other districts with the exception of the few in Ibaraki Ken, of which I have before notified you.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

ARGENTINA—*Buenos Ayres*.—Month of November, 1895. Estimated population, 620,840. Total deaths, 1,455, including smallpox, 29; enteric fever, 9; scarlet fever, 76; diphtheria, 21; measles, 17, and whooping cough, 76.

Month of December, 1895. Total deaths, 1,448, including smallpox, 32; enteric fever, 16; scarlet fever, 73; diphtheria, 31; measles, 19, and whooping cough, 9.

BAHAMAS—*Green Turtle Cay—Abaco*.—Two weeks ended February 25, 1896. Estimated population, 3,900. No deaths.